

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (currently amended) A safety device for a trimmer that has a working part, comprising a cutting tool and a drive, ~~and~~ a guide part comprising a guide shaft, and a drive motor arranged on a first end of the guide shaft, wherein a second end of the guide shaft is provided with that has a drive connection to the working part for drivingly connecting [[a]] the drive motor to the drive of the working part, wherein the working part is pivotable relative to the guide part to angularly position the working part relative to the guide shaft for positional adaptation of the working part to an area to be worked on; the safety device comprising:

a drive cutoff mechanism for switching off the drive of the working part when an angle between the working part and the guide part is within a predetermined pivot angle range.

2. (original) The safety device according to claim 1, wherein the drive cutoff mechanism is arranged above the working part and the guide part.

3. (original) The safety device according to claim 1, wherein the drive cutoff mechanism comprises an engagement member, wherein the engagement member engages a drive member of the drive in order to turn off the drive.

4. (original) The safety device according to claim 3, wherein the engagement member has an engagement section, wherein the engagement section of the engagement member is pushed between teeth of a gear wheel forming the drive member of the drive.

5. (original) The safety device according to claim 3, wherein the drive cutoff mechanism further comprises a cam-controlled lifting pin, wherein the engagement member is actuated by the cam-controlled lifting pin.

6. (original) The safety device according to claim 5, wherein the engagement member is rotated by the lifting pin.

7. (original) The safety device according to claim 6, wherein a rotary driving direction of the drive member of the drive and a rotational direction of the engagement section of the engagement member for engaging the drive member are oriented opposite to one another.

8. (original) The safety device according to claim 1, wherein the cutting tool is a blade.

9. (original) The safety device according to claim 8, wherein the blade is a reciprocating blade.

10. (original) The safety device according to claim 8, wherein the blade is a rotary blade.

11. (original) The safety device according to claim 1, wherein the trimmer is a hedge trimmer or a grass trimmer.

12. (new) A safety device for a trimmer that has a working part, comprising a cutting tool and a drive, and a guide part comprising a guide shaft that has a drive connection for connecting a drive motor to the drive of the working part, wherein the working part is pivotable relative to the guide part; the safety device comprising:

a drive cutoff mechanism for switching off the drive of the working part when an angle between the working part and the guide part is within a predetermined pivot angle range;

wherein the drive cutoff mechanism comprises an engagement member, wherein the engagement member engages a drive member of the drive in order to turn off the drive; and

wherein the engagement member has an engagement section, wherein the engagement section of the engagement member is pushed between teeth of a gear wheel forming the drive member of the drive.